GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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CLOSURE OF DFP AND SONG & DRAMA DIVISION
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to close down the Directorate of Field Publicity (DFP) and Song and Drama Division;

(b) if so, the reason therefor;

(c) whether the Government will downsize any other media unit; and

(d) if so, the details alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)
(a), (b), (c) & (d):- The Committee of Secretaries in its meeting held on 28th April, 2004 considered the various aspects of implementation of Expenditure Reforms Commission`s recommendations in respect of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and, inter alia, proposed that the Directorate of Field Publicity (DFP) and Song & Drama Division be closed down and the Photo Division, Publications Division and Films Division shall be downsized substantially. The matter is proposed to be discussed again before the Committee of Secretaries after completion of detailed review of the various issues and options. A final decision in the matter has not yet been taken.